PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER: NRS 08.234

APPLICANT: Tennessee Department of Transportation

Environmental Division

Suite 900, James K. Polk Building

505 Deaderick Street

Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0338

615-253-2477

LOCATION: The proposed alterations are located along SR-34 in an unnamed tributary to Corn Creek, near Mountain City in Johnson County (Lat: 36.4879°, Long: -81.8480°).

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The proposed alterations would impact an unnamed tributary to Corn Creek. The unnamed tributary to Corn Creek is located within the Watauga River watershed (HUC 06010103). The unnamed tributary to Corn Creek and the Watauga River watershed are supporting of their designated uses (fish and aquatic life, recreation, irrigation, and livestock watering and wildlife). The predominant land uses in the Watauga River watershed are deciduous, evergreen, and mixed forests, pasture and hay, and some low-intensity residential development.

The unnamed tributary to Corn Creek at the project location has a channel bottom width of approximately 3-5 ft., top of bank width of approximately 6-8 ft., and bank height of 4 ft.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to modify approximately 0.104 miles of SR-34, over an unnamed tributary to Corn Creek, along the existing alignment.

The applicant proposes to replace the existing 54 ft. of 5 ft. X 4.5 ft. concrete box culvert and associated piping with approximately 100 ft. of 60-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP), approximately 13 ft. of reinforced concrete dissipater, and approximately 8 ft. of rip-rap at the outlet. Due to the increased length of the new structure, the applicant proposes to relocate a portion of the unnamed tributary, approximately 45 ft., as a transition to the inlet of the new structure.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality. This notice may be viewed on the internet at: http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Chip Hannah

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Mountain City, TN Quadrangle (214-NE)

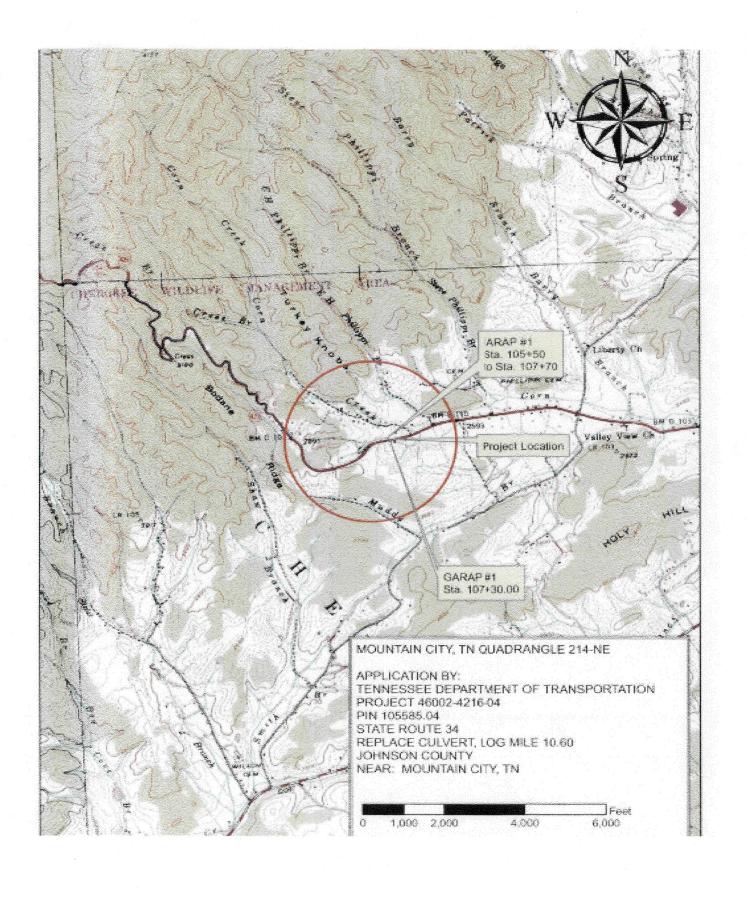
No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within THIRTY (30) DAYS of the date that this notice is posted. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

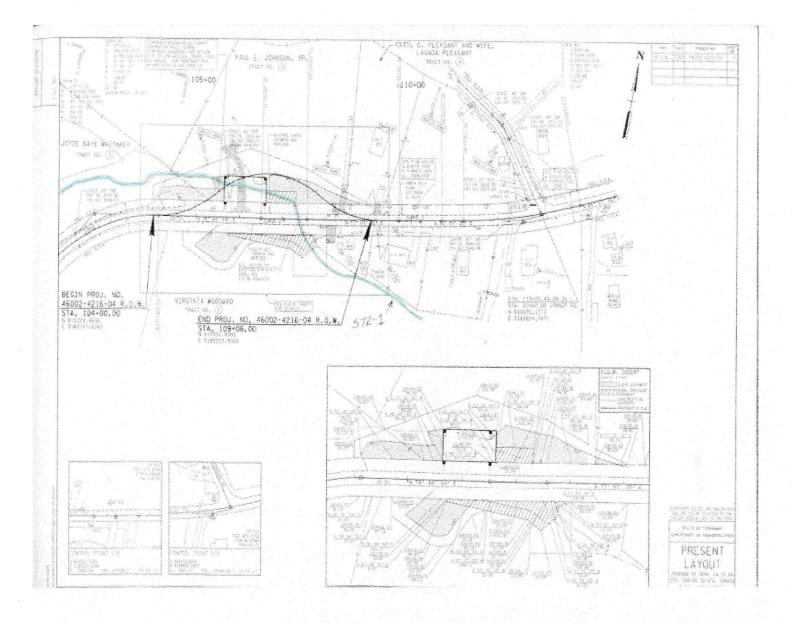
Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

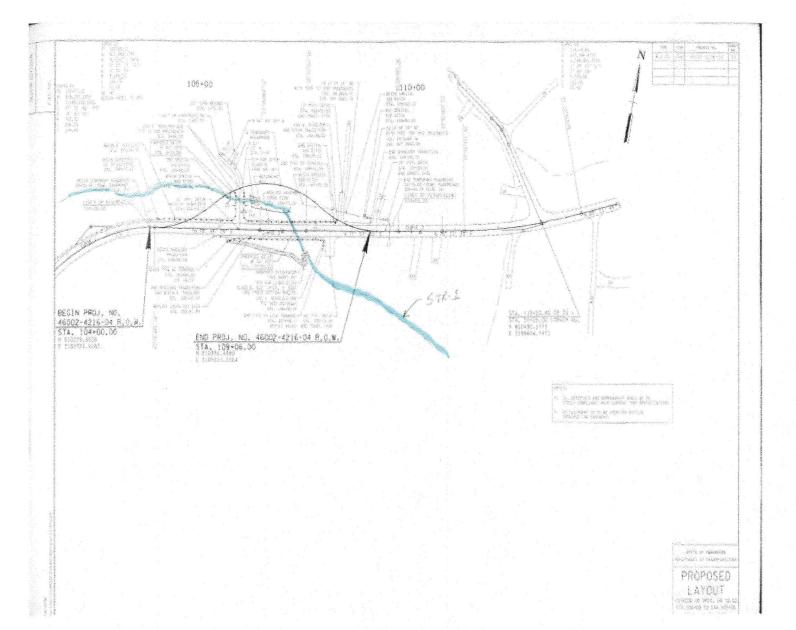
The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

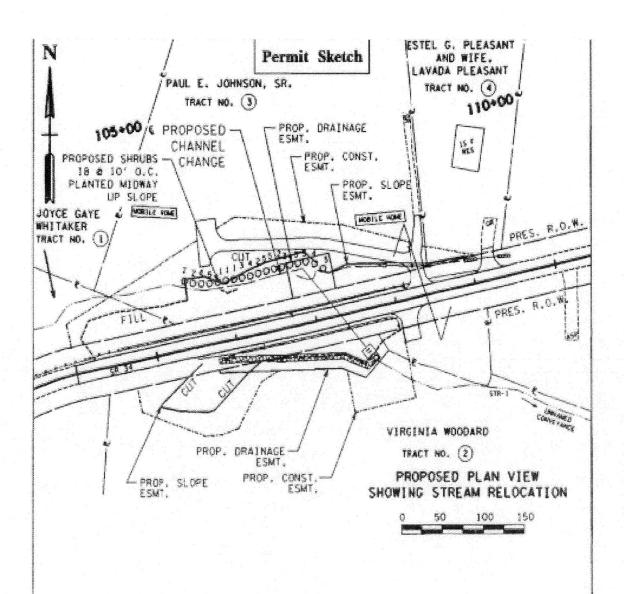
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.









ITEM .		DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANT,
802-03.01	SHRUBS -	Hazel alder (Alnus Serrulata), 2'-3' Ht., C, 3 gal.	EACH	3
		Spicebush (Lindera benzoln), 2'-3' Ht., C, 3 gal.	EACH	4
802-03.03	SHRUBS -	Elderberry (Sambucus canadensis), 2'-3' Ht., C. 3 gal.	EACH	3
802-03.04	SHRUBS -	Redbud (Cersis canadensis), 2'-3' Ht., C. 3 gal.	EACH	3
		Sweetshrub (Colyconthus floridus), 2'-3' Ht., C. 3 gal.	EACH	5

EXISTING CHANNEL EXISTING STRUCTURES (24° PIPE AND BOX CULVERT)	201 LF 79 LF
	280 LF
PROPOSED STREAM	163 LF
PROPOSED STRUCTURES (60° RCP, DISS, AND RIP RAP)	121 LF
	284 LF

APPLICATION BY:

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE PROJECT NO. 46002-4216-04 R.O.W. PIN NO. 1055585.02

STATE ROUTE 34 (US 421) LOG MILE 10.60 PURPOSE: SMALL STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT MOUNTAIN CITY, JOHNSON COUNTY